

RESUMPTION OF ORE  
PRODUCTION ON SAC.  
HILL IS PROPOSED

BISBEE, Dec. 22.—Announcement was made yesterday from the office of P. G. Beckett, general manager of the Phelps Dodge corporation at Bisbee, that preparations are to proceed for the resumption of Sacramento hill steam shovel operations as well as milling operations at the Copper Queen Warren concentrator.

Mr. Beckett, in discussing the announcement, advised that, while neither in volume nor price were the present copper sales such as to give occasion for any undue optimism, yet the amount of copper sold in recent months had been satisfactory and warranted the production of a limited amount of additional copper in the near future from Phelps Dodge corporation properties.

"Our copper surplus has been reduced to normal proportions," Mr. Beckett said, "and there appears at the present time to be a healthier and steadier demand for the metal than for some time past. The resumption will be slow on account of the time necessary to get the hill and mill organizations together, as well as the completion of the mill, which still needs finishing touches to the equipment, such as installing small parts, the putting on of belts, the trying out of all machinery and the building of launders, etc. The next few months of the Sacramento hill work will consist largely of drilling the benches, and it is not expected that actual ore production can be commenced before next May or June. The units of the mill will be started up as called for by the supply of ore from the steam shovel operations. Men will be put on gradually and it will be the early summer before the full number of approximately 500 men needed for ore extraction waste stripping and mill operations will be used.

"At the Douglas reduction works there will be no change in the present scale of operations till the concentrates from the Warren mill commence to arrive at which time it will be necessary to blow in one or two more additional blast furnaces to take care of the increased tonnage.

"When that time comes the monthly production of the Douglas reduction works will probably be in the neighborhood of 12,000,000 pounds per month including Morenci concentrates against the present monthly output of 9,000,000 pounds.

## SMITH CASE SENT TO JURY

YUMA, Dec. 22.—The case of Alva E. Smith, charged with the embezzlement of \$6000 of the funds of the Valley Bank of Parker, Arizona, went to the jury tonight after opposing counsel finished their arguments in a prolonged afternoon session.

Smith, who is also wanted by Oklahoma and Nebraska authorities on charges growing out of banking operations faced in his present trial, only on count, charging specifically that when he purchased stock in the Valley Bank of Parker last spring he gave checks on the First State Bank of Clarita, Okla., in payment for the stock and later transferred funds of the Parker bank to meet payment on the checks. It is also held on other counts in connection with the failure of the Parker bank of which he was vice president at the time of its closing.

The state's witnesses included several prominent Oklahoma bankers and officials.

Smith, testifying in his own behalf, maintained that the funds sent by him to the First State Bank of Clarita were for the purchase of negotiable paper which he eventually received.

## BROWN WAS SENTENCED

Henry Brown, who was convicted in the superior court at Tombstone recently for the murder of Walter Anderson, another negro, in Bisbee, was Saturday sentenced by Judge Lockwood to serve a term of from 10 to 14 years in the state penitentiary. In pronouncing sentence Judge Lockwood informed Brown that he had taken into consideration the recommendation made by the jury.

Ajo—New Cornelia to build 4-room bungalows to house increased force.

DISCOVERY OF AIRMEN  
FAKED THINKS McNAB

TUCSON, Dec. 22.—Generally current rumors that the bodies of Col. Francis Marshall and Lieut. Charles Webber, the missing aviators, had been found beside their crashed plane at Covered Wells, 75 miles west of Tucson, on the Papago Indian reservation, remained unverified tonight, and the authenticity of the rumor seemed doubtful when the report was traced to its source.

The rumors were described as "probably faked" by Col. A. J. McNab, commandant of Camp Stephen D. Little, when he was communicated with over long distance telephone last night.

Two reports today fixed the place where the bodies were found in two different sections of the reservation—one at Indian oasis, southwest of Tucson; the other at Covered Wells, on the road to Ajo, almost due west from Tucson and north of Indian oasis. According to both reports the charred bodies were found in the wreckage of a burned airplane.

According to the first of these reports the bodies were found by a cowboy; according to the second, by an Indian who told his story in Tucson last night and then was accompanied to the scene of the reported discovery by a search party in an automobile.

Colonel McNab stated that he had talked to the chief of police and other authorities in Tucson over the long distance telephone but that he had been unable to find any one who had actually seen or talked to the mysterious Indian, although several said they had heard of him and his story.

Colonel McNab spent considerable time today in endeavoring to trace the rumors to their source, but was unable to find anyone who knew with whom the Indian had talked, although the rumors all contained the information that the plane had been found somewhere in the Covered Wells country.

LIVESTOCK AND RANGES  
IN ARIZONA AND N. M.

PHOENIX, Dec. 22.—Light to heavy rainfall over central and northern stock ranges of Arizona and western New Mexico, accompanied by moderate temperatures, has resulted in marked improvement of ranges and water supply. Snow that covered the ground from previous storms was removed by the warm rain making all pastures on winter ranges available. There was an absence of precipitation in the extreme south but with favorable temperature conditions pastures in that section showed improvement. Good to excellent conditions are reported in the Douglas, Fort Apache, Pinedale and Williams sections, poor to fair conditions in the Prescott, Grand Canyon, Seligman, Pinto and Thatcher districts.

## Crop Progress in Arizona

With daily temperatures averaging somewhat higher than six degrees above normal and accompanied by light, warm rains, the past week has been most propitious for agriculture. Winter grains and alfalfa have done especially well; the latter even where clipped less than a month ago now stands above one's shoe tops. The weather has been ideal for winter lettuce and to a large extent has offset the stunting effect of the cold November for the crop now appears to be near normal in the point of development. Peas are blooming and large turnips of superior quality are plentiful. Both because they are well matured and in great demand, navel oranges are virtually all gathered. Due to a combination of the unusual season and heavy fertilization last winter oranges are materially larger and somewhat coarser than usual. The grapefruit supply will be larger this season as a result of a number of young groves coming into bearing. Picking of peas for shipment will begin in the Yuma section Monday and continue for two weeks; lettuce making good progress.

## NEEDS IT BADLY

Now that the first of the year is so near we can look forward to the repairing of the Tombstone-Gleeson road, which is in bad shape out as far as the Kendall ranch, but which is in good shape from that point to

## GLEESON. The importance of this road makes it one of the first entitled to repairs after the first of the year.

ARIZONA CLAIMS TITLE TO  
BEING ONE OF THE OLDEST  
STATES IN NEW WORLD

PHOENIX, Dec. 22.—Countless ruins of prehistoric culture still exist in Arizona, including old irrigation canals. And the Indian pueblos of today are the most remarkable in the United States. Friar Marcos de Niza was the first Spaniard to enter the limits of this state. He crossed the southeastern corner in 1539. In 1540 he conducted Coronado over the same route. One of Coronado's captains visited the Hopi and other reached the Grand Canyon. Early in the seventeenth century considerable progress was made in Christianizing the Hopis. In 1860 came the great Pueblo revolt. The Hopis have ever since remained an independent tribe; they have the privilege of voting, and their women are said to be the original American suffragettes. The Indian reservations comprise 17,586,000 acres, occupied by 41,650 Indians.

American traders and explorers penetrated this region early in the nineteenth century. Arizona became a territory in 1863 and a state in 1910. The capital is Phoenix. Other important cities are Prescott, Flagstaff, Jerome, Bisbee, Douglas, Tempe, Tucson and St. Johns. The name, originally Arizonas, signifies "small springs" or "few springs" and was given to a little Papago settlement near Nogales. The official flower is the saguaro cactus blossom and the motto is "God enriches." Population is 333,327.

FLORENCE NURSE  
GIVEN SENTENCE

FLORENCE, Ariz., Dec. 22.—Miss Catherine Encinas, found guilty of first degree murder December eighth for the slaying of Dr. W. G. Randall, prominent physician of Florence, was sentenced to life imprisonment in the Arizona state penitentiary today by Judge Joseph Jenckes.

Counsel for the defendant, who had previously been denied a motion for a new trial, filed notice of an appeal to the state supreme court immediately after sentence was passed.

Dr. Randall was shot and killed last September in the apartment of Miss Encinas, a nurse, who had previously been employed by him.

The jury which found Miss Encinas guilty after more than 12 hours deliberation, also recommended a sentence of life imprisonment.

When asked by Judge Jenckes whether she had anything to say before he passed sentence, Miss Encinas replied: "I have nothing to say except I have been judged by 12 level-headed men. Perhaps they were prejudiced against me and I feel confident that in the supreme court I will be vindicated of the charge."

FURNACE IN BANK OF  
DOUGLAS CAUSES FIRE  
HARD TO EXTINGUISH

DOUGLAS, Dec. 22.—Fire caused from the furnace burned a portion of the flooring in the Bank of Douglas yesterday morning. Smoke was first discovered issuing up from a door leading into a record room and while bank officials were investigating, W. W. Welcome, who occupies a room adjoining the bank, reported that his shoe shop was flooded with smoke. Chief Nemec was called and while he was attempting to locate the reason a fire alarm was turned in.

It was necessary to tear up the floor boards to get at the smoldering fire, and this was practically all the damage done. A few old records of little importance were damaged by water in the basement. Chief Nemec said the fire must have been smoldering for the past 24 hours.

## JUROR FREED FOR TERM

H. B. McMillan, Douglas, was excused for the remainder of the term of court from jury duty. While signing his voucher in the county clerk's office later he facetiously remarked that the judge was lenient on first offenders, he having served but ten days. "He'll probably make me serve thirty days next time," remarked McMillan.

SEVEN-YEAR-OLD  
MARY VERGUNST  
WRITES SANTA

Postmaster W. A. Fowler today received the following letter to Santa Claus, written by little Mary Vergunst of Tombstone, which has been forwarded on to Old St. Nick, North Pole:

"Dear Santa Claus: How are you? Will you please bring me a talking doll and a set of dishes and a box of candy and a book and anything else you wish too bring me. I am 7 years old. With lots of love, baby.

MARY VERGUNST.

SAYS INCREASE ON  
COLLECTIONS MADE  
ON GASOLINE TAX

PHOENIX, Dec. 22.—Gasoline tax collections in Arizona for November amounted to \$16,459.65, according to a statement issued today by Earnest R. Hall, secretary of state. The collections, the statement states, shows a slight increase over the collections for October. The total amount collected through the tax on gasoline since the law became effective, June, 1921, is \$255,399.68, the records of the secretary of state's office show.

STABLE AT CAMP JONES  
IS DESTROYED BY FIRE

DOUGLAS, Dec. 22.—An unoccupied stable was entirely destroyed by fire at Camp Harry J. Jones yesterday noon. The local fire department responded to an alarm but the blaze had such a good start that the structure was practically ruined by the time it was extinguished.

BOY FELL FROM BERTH;  
PULLMAN COMPANY SUE

PHOENIX, Dec. 22.—That the Pullman company is responsible for the danger that lurks in an upper berth is the contention in a suit filed here. Five thousand dollars is asked by a local lumber dealer, John G. O'Malley, for injuries received by his son, James C., when the child, last June, fell from the upper berth of a car in which he and his mother were journeying toward Chicago.

RAMON LERMA KILLED  
BY FALL IN MINE

Ramone Lerma, a Mexican miner, met his death about 10 o'clock this morning at the Bunker Hill Mines company's Lucky Cuss mine, of which C. J. Wynn is the owner, while Lerma was cleaning off the space around a grizzly on the 400-level. His skull was crushed by the 30-foot fall.

Coroner H. P. Merrill was immediately notified and City Marshall McDonald hastily impounded a cornerer's jury, who viewed the body of Lerma before it was brought to the surface from the 500-level and thence to the local undertaking parlors of the Hennefey Undertaking company where a formal inquest will be held at 5 o'clock this afternoon.

Ramone Lerma had been a resident of Tombstone for the past five years and had been employed at the Lucky Cuss mine for some time. He leaves a widow and three children. Funeral arrangements have not been announced.

GLENN D. GRANT TO  
BE NEW ASSISTANT  
STATE TREASURER

PHOENIX, Dec. 22.—Appointment of Glenn D. Grant of Phoenix as assistant state treasurer was made public yesterday by Wayne Hubbs, state treasurer-elect. Mr. Grant, who at present is employed as bookkeeper in the state treasurer's office, will assume his new duties on Tuesday, January 2, when Mr. Hubbs takes over the reins of the office.

NOGALES MAN TO BE  
STATE EXAMINER BY  
HUNT APPOINTMENT

Governor-elect George W. P. Hunt today announced the selection of F. L. Edinborough, of Nogales, for appointment to the office of state examiner under the new administration. Mr. Edinborough has been a resident of Arizona for many years and since coming to the state he has been engaged in the banking and insurance business.

Patagonia—Construction of bridge over Sonora river started.

MCDONALD APPOINTS  
DEPUTIES: BEVANS TO  
BE NAMED AT BISBEE

BISBEE, Dec. 22.—Sheriff-elect James McDonald has made further announcements of the appointment of deputies to serve beginning with the first of the year. George Roark, of Douglas, is to be undersheriff; Robert Tummins, of Douglas, field deputy, with headquarters in Tombstone; Sam Hayhurst, of Douglas, to be ranger deputy; Sam Boucher to be deputy at Douglas, and Jay Wilmoth, formerly of Bisbee, to be one of the jail guards at Tombstone.

Warren district deputies, while not officially announced, will probably be J. A. Bevans for Bisbee and W. A. Ryan to continue as motor deputy.

STATE ANTICIPATION  
BONDS ARE REDEEMED

PHOENIX, Dec. 22.—Redemption of the \$1250,000 issue of state anticipation bonds issued and sold last September by the state loan commission has been made by State Treasurer Raymond K. Earhart. The funds for the redemption of the bonds was sent to the Bankers Trust company of New York several days ago in New York drafts by the National Bank of Arizona. The Bankers Trust company bought the bonds when they were offered for sale.

The bonds bore interest at the rate of four per cent per annum and the total amount of interest paid by the state on the bonds was \$11,000 for the 120 days the bonds ran. They were issued for four months. The redemption of these bonds cleans up the tax anticipation bonds of the state. Three issues of bonds in all were issued by the state.

HUACHUCA RANGES  
IN GOOD CONDITION

TUCSON, Dec. 22.—Ranges on the Huachuca district are in good condition for this time of the year, according to Hugh C. Calkins, supervisor of the Coronado national forest, who has just returned from a week's survey trip of this territory.

In the course of his trip Mr. Calkins visited a number of range stations, including that of Nogales, and the reports of grazing conditions were uniformly good, he reports.

Grazing applications for 1923 are coming into the local forest headquarters in good numbers, and it is expected that about 2000 or 3000 more cattle will be grazed on the Coronado forest this year than last.

GUESTS ARRIVING AT  
"DUDE RANCH"

Guests are arriving for the Bar O "Dude Ranch," Mr. Forsythe, of New York, having come in some days ago, and yesterday Mr. Jaakes, who has been on one of the big ranches in Montana arrived, and shortly after the opening occurs several more will come to the ranch. Messrs Forsythe and Jaakes are staying in the homes of the Kendall brothers until the formal opening. More furnishings arrived yesterday for the ranch.

MEXICAN IS KILLED  
IN CARD GAME

PRESCOTT, Dec. 19.—In an argument over a card game, Preciliano Mesa shot and killed Jesus Pasos, a miner, at Swansea Tuesday of this week, according to a mail report just received.

Various possees scoured the hills for miles about Swansea all day Tuesday and Wednesday, and at 9:30 Wednesday night one of the possees caught Mesa four miles from Bouse, to which place he was heading for the railroad. After a running gun fight Mesa gave up and was taken to Yuma in charge of Deputy Sheriff Amos Sapp.

Pasos is said to have relatives in Prescott by the name of Duarte. Mesa is known as a gambler and rather a bad man through many camps of Arizona. It is said, and it is reported that he had been in trouble in Jerome, at which time he received a body slash with a knife.

DAY OLD CHIX—Golden Buff, Brown and White Leghorns, Anconas, Black Minorcas, Barred Rocks, R. I. Reds, Buff Orpingtons and Turkeys, Enoch Crews, Seabright, Calif.—Adv. It

SENATOR WINDSOR  
CENSURES A. I. C.

Criticism of the Arizona Industrial Congress was voiced by Senator Mulford Windsor, of Yuma, at the session in Phoenix, when he declared that the Arizona Industrial Congress was "riding to a fall" when it sought to function as a political mouthpiece.

"I venture the opinion that when officials of any organization presume to speak for that membership they are sowing the seeds of death for that organization," Mr. Windsor declared.

His subject was "Need of Flood Control on the Colorado River," which he presented in a very capable manner.

"People along this great stream one day are children of fortune, smiled upon by its silvery waters; the next they are the victims of its wrath," the speaker said, continuing, "and in its wrath, it washes away everything except the mortgage."

He then cited figures to show the enormity of the flow, especially during floods in the Salt River valley cases at Yuma during the disastrous floods of 1905, 1916 and even as late as 1921.

"We have got to have protection from this ruthless tyrant. We must make this stream our servant and by so doing ransom hundreds of thousands of acres of land from the coyote and eagle. Our problem is the primal law of nature, self-preservation," he concluded.

The Diamond Creek power project is the only feasible development on the Colorado that seems likely of reasonable completion, Glenn T. Knapp of Bisbee, speaking on "The Diamond Project," told the audience.

The three phases of development along the river, in their relative importance, he said, were flood control, reclamation and power development.

"There is a great economic waste in our failure to develop the hydro-electric power on the Colorado," he asserted.

About 200,000 horsepower of hydro-electric power will be developed at Diamond Creek under the Grand proposal at a cost of between \$35,000,000 and \$40,000,000, he said. This project is distinctly an Arizona project, situated wholly within this state.

"And if it is constructed by private capital, it will add at least \$50,000."

3 ARE VICTIMS OF FAKE  
RING LOAN IN CITY

DOUGLAS, Dec. 22.—If a man comes up to you and offers you a genuine \$50 diamond ring as security for a \$5 loan "so he can get his family something to eat" tell him Barnum was right but you are not one of the "one every minute kind," is the advice of Ralph Caughlan of the Erickson Jewelry company. Three different persons came into his store yesterday, strolled up to him and in a confidential whisper informed him that they had just got in on something pretty soft. They then produced a large "diamond" ring that some "poor fellow" was forced to sacrifice, and asked Caughlan the exact value of it. One glance, on each of the three occasions, was enough to convince Caughlan that the ring was worth about as much as a glass of beer in Agua Prieta.

Neither of the three victims of this ancient fake, which was first played on Cain and Abel, would report the matter to the police because they feared the exposure and preferred to lose \$5 or \$10 rather than receive the publicity, they told Caughlan.

"My advice to those who want to get a bargain in diamonds is to have the stone examined first by a jeweler and then make the loan if it is good security," Caughlan said.

MINE WORKER KILLED  
IN MISHAP AT MIAMI

MIAMI, Ariz., Dec. 14.—Marquez Balgaret, timberman helper, employed at the Live Oak mine of the Inspiration Copper company, was instantly killed by a falling boulder.

Balgaret was starting up a raise in a tunnel when a boulder, one foot in diameter, became dislodged and crashed onto the man's head, six feet below.

The coroner's jury returned a verdict of accidental death.